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SUBJECT: UK DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

1. UNDER "ANY OTHER BUSINESS" AT INFORMAL DRC MEETING ON DECEMBER 18, UK REP GAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON DEFENSE ASPECTS OF UK ANNOUNCEMENT TO HOUSE OF COMMONS DECEMBER 17 TO CUT PUBLIC EXPENDITURES BY 1,200 MILLION POUNDS.

2. FY 1974-75 DEFENSE * DGET WILL BE R**UCED BY 178 MILLION POUNDS. REDUCTION IS A SMALLER PERCENT OF TOTAL PUBLIC EXPENDITURE REDUCTION OF 1,200 MILLION POUNDS THAN IF SHARE OF GNP FOR DEFENSE WAS APPLIED TO CUT. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES WILL BE REDUCED BY 162 MILLION POUNDS. REDUCTION IN PRO-CUREMENT EXPENDITURES WILL MEAN DEFERMENT IN SOME ACQUISITION PROGRAMS AND COULD RESULT IN DELAYING INTRODUCTION OF NEW EQUIPMENT. UK REP STRESSED THAT REDUCTION WILL NOT AFFECT MANPOWER.
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